

ADDENDUM REPORT - RESETTLEMENT PLAN

Fiji: Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project

Queens Road Rehabilitation Project (QRRP B): Site 4C – Vatukarasa Grave Relocation



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Abbreviations

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
CR5	-	China Railway
GOF	-	Government of Fiji
GSA	-	Greater Suva Area
HQ	-	Headquarters
LARDD	-	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Due Diligence
LARF	-	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Framework
QRRP	-	Queens Rd Rehabilitation Project
TIISP	-	Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project
WB	-	World Bank

1.0 Executive Summary

1. With loan funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank (WB), together with funding from the Government of Fiji (GOF), the Fiji Roads Authority are implementing the Transport Infrastructure Investment Sector Project (TIISP). TIISP will improve access to socio-economic opportunities by upgrading and rehabilitating land and maritime transport infrastructure across the Fiji Islands. The overall objectives of the Project are improved access to markets, employment opportunities, and social services. The outcome will be improved safety and resilience of land and maritime transport infrastructure for users of project roads, bridges and rural jetties and wharves
2. One of the sub-projects proposed under this package is the Queens Road Rehabilitation Package B Sub-project. Queens Road Rehabilitation package B sub-project involves the rehabilitation and upgrade of four sections of sealed road in the Western (Nadroga Province) Divisions with an approximate total length of 20km. The sub- project involves road pavement upgrades, small sections of road widening within the existing road reserve, footpath repairs and footpath installations. The approximate total cost of this sub-project is FJ\$50m.
3. The objective of the sub-project is to lower the overall road maintenance costs, improve the safety of road users (drivers and pedestrians) and improve the travel comfort of road users. Other outcomes expected from the sub- project will be lower road user costs through reduced damage to vehicles. This will be achieved by rehabilitating the existing road pavements that have reached the end of their serviceable life.
4. In 2022 a Resettlement Plan for QRRP B Site 4C regarding the relocation of 7 graves was submitted and approved by ADB and WB, however, a recent joint consultation done with the community and affected persons confirms a change of the number of graves to be relocated and the site for relocation. This is an addendum report to that approved Resettlement Plan (RP) posted on November 2022¹.
5. This Addendum report has been prepared and submitted to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank (WB) in compliance with the Project social safeguards obligations set out within the Project Legal Agreement. The RP adherences to the Project LARF², following ADB/WB approval of the RP, disclosure of the RP on the FRA/ADB/WB website and implementation of the RP (including compensation and assistances provided), the FRA will provide the contractors with “No Objection” to construct physical works at Site 4C.

¹ https://www.fijiroads.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/QRUP-B_LARP-Report-Vatukarasa-Grave-Relocation.pdf

² <https://www.fijiroads.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Land-Acquisition-and-Resettlement-Framework-May-2016.pdf>

2.0 Revised Resettlement Plan

6. The last rounds of consultations leading up to the grave relocations was held on 22 February 2023, where a few changes was discussed and agreed upon. The Landowning Units had requested the change of burial site to relocate the grave to. It was also discussed and agreed upon that only the one (1) grave that is located within the road reserve will be relocated and not all the seven (7) graves as per initial plan. Minutes of the meeting are annexed to this Addendum report.

7. The site of relocation will now be at their Sautabu Site and not Waimara Site as initially planned. Figure 1 below shows the one Grave within road reserve that will be relocated.

Figure 1 – Picture of the Grave



Figure 2 – Picture of Sautabu Burial Site (Confirmed Relocation Site)



8. The following table shows the approved RP action plan and the changes that was agreed during consultations to which this Addendum Report serves to facilitate:

Action Plan	Approved RP Report (November 2022)	Revised RP (22 February 2023)
Number of graves to be relocated	7	1
Site of relocation	Waimara Burial Site	Sautabu Burial Site
Date of relocation	To be confirmed	13 / 03 / 2023

9. The above changes is supported by the Village Headman and also the Nadroga / Navosa Provincial council (Governing Institution) whose formal support letters are annexed.

10. There is no other changes done to the initial approved LARP³ apart from the change of number of graves to be relocated and the change of site relocation.. The institutional arrangements, the resettlement action plan and resettlement budget will remain as per approved LARP Report, November 2022.

3.0 Monitoring and Reporting

11. Prior to relocation of the graves, information about the Resettlement Plan and Grievance Redress Mechanism will be provided and advertised widely with the affected Village should there be any issues raised regarding the grave resettlement.

12. The team FRA / Sheladia Associates, Inc. / CR5G reps will be present on the day of the grave resettlement to monitor and ensure that the Resettlement Plan is actioned appropriately without any disputes or other disturbances.

13. After the grave resettlement day, a report will be circulated with photographic evidence of the Resettlement Event.

14. Grave construction materials will be supplied on the confirmed date of constructing the subject grave (approximately 100 nights after the Resettlement Day as agreed with affected persons) to the Clan Nabili.

15. A report will photographic evidence of the construction of the new grave site; be submitted to fully close the case.

16. Implementation of this Resettlement Plan and associated photo evidence will be included with the TIISP Safeguards Bi-annual Report.

4.0 Recommendations

17. Given that all required level of due diligence for changes in the number of graves and relocation site in this resettlement plan has been carried out both traditionally and regulatory; it is recommended that ADB and WB gives approval to this Addendum Report for this resettlement plan to be actioned and a No Objection to Construct.

³ https://www.fijiroads.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/QRUP-B_LARP-Report-Vatukarasa-Grave-Relocation.pdf



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Meeting Name:	Vatukarasa Grave Relocation Consultation		
Facilitator	Mr. Filipe Corerega (FRA)	Time:	11:00am
Date:	22/02/2023	Location:	Vatukarasa Village

1.0 ATTENDEES:

Filipe Corerega	-	Fiji Roads Authority
Latileta Daugunu	-	Civil Works Solution (CWS)/Sheladia
Miliana Navia	-	China Railway No.5 Engineering Group
[REDACTED]	-	Vatukarasa Village
[REDACTED]	-	Vatukarasa Village
Ihereimi Navovo	-	Turaga ni Koro, Vatukarasa Village
[REDACTED]	-	Vatukarasa Village.

Apologies:

Sitiveni Qalotaki	-	Nadroga Provincial Office.
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Absent:

Ministry of Health (Sigatoka)

2.0 WELCOMING & INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Corerega welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the village and the Mataqali (clan) representatives that were present.

Ms. Navia informed the attendees that Mr. Qalotaki, the Assistant Roko Tui from the Nadroga Navosa Provincial Office will be late as he was attending to another urgent issue. Mr. Corerega then advised for the meeting to start and when the Assistant Roko Tui arrives, the meeting deliberations will then be relayed to him.



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3.0 MEETING DELIBERATIONS:

Mr. Corerega provided a brief about the project by stating that it is a co-funding between the Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank and the Fiji Government. For the two banks there is a policy in place that looks after affected people during the project implementation which is covered under Social Safeguards. That is the main reason why consultation as such is conducted to discuss issues that concerns the community at the project sites. He also stressed that consultation meetings as such are important records which signifies that due diligence have been carried out. This documentation will then assist the banks in making their decision in terms of resettlement or relocation works. He then added that the records of the last meeting together with underlying documents were sent to the banks for a no objection to carry out the relocation and the green light has been received.

As for today's meeting, He stated that the main agendas were to confirm the date of relocation, the number of graves to be relocated and the relocation site or the new burial ground as the team has been verbally advised that there will a change in the relocated site.

Mr. [REDACTED] further added that the last meeting was held at the then Tui Conua's residence, however that position has been vacated again.

4.0 MEETING OUTCOME:

4.1 Number of Graves to be relocated:

Mr. Corerega informed the team that there will only be 1 grave that will now be relocated instead of the 8 previously discussed. The main reason for change is because that is the only one that is impacted by this project. Despite the change is the number of graves being relocated, Mr. Corerega reiterated that the monetary assistance rendered remains the same.



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4.2 Date of Relocation:

Mr. [REDACTED] proposed for March 13th for the relocation to take place. He added that the date was the earliest date they can avail themselves to carry out the relocation as the villagers have prior engagements planned.

4.3 Proposed Relocation Site:

Mr. [REDACTED] also informed the attendees that there is a change in the relocation site from the one initially discussed in the previous meeting. He further stated that the new site is the Sautabu, the chiefly burial ground located within the village boundary outskirts. The new burial ground belongs to the Tokatoka (sub-clan) Louvaju but same Mataqali (clan) of Nabili. The new site has been agreed by all the Mataqali members.

4.4 Monetary Assistance:

In terms of monetary assistance, CR5 have already issued an amount to the Mataqali Nabili which enabled them to carry out the traditional aspect of the relocation to all the Mataqali within Vatukarasa village. Included in this monetary assistance was the purchasing of the casket and any materials they will use to assist in the transporting of the remains.

4.5 Relocation Program of Work and Rituals:

On the day of relocation, the following order of events was discussed and the responsible party:

Activity	Breakdown of work	Responsible Party
Preparation of the new burial site and final burial	- The Mataqali members will prepare the new burial site including the digging of the pits.	Mataqali Nabili



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They will also be responsible to perform the final rituals and the burial ceremony including the covering of the pit. 	
Current grave removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CR5 to provide a machine to break the concrete structure of the current grave. 	CR5
Deceased remains collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mataqali members will carry out the collection of the remains of the deceased from the current location. 	Mataqali Nabili
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CR5 will provide a vehicle to transport the remains to the new burial site. 	CR5

All relevant stakeholders, will be present during the relocation process.

5.0 OTHER MATTERS:

After the discussions about the grave relocations, there were other issues that were brought up:



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5.1 Village Driveway Size and Final Works:

Mr. [REDACTED] enquired about the sizes of the driveway. As it is the driveway of the main entry and exit into the village is rather small. Moreover, it is a bit steep and the exposed area (not covered with cement) during heavy rain gets washed away because it is just soil and small vehicles owners face having issues using the that entry and exit area.

Mr. Corerega informed after the meeting, they will inspect it and provide an update.

5.2 Open Ditch:

Mr. [REDACTED] informed that there is an open ditch in front of his house, he requested if that ditch could be covered because he wanted to use that area to build a shed to sell corn.

Ms. Navia assured that they will inspect the place and provide an update.

6.0 END OF MEETING:

The meeting proper ended at 1:00pm.

7.0 PICTURES:



Figure 1- Meeting attendees



Figure 2- Meeting attendees

Annexure 2 – Village Headman Letter of Support

Vatukarasa Village,
Conua,
Nadroga Navosa

24th February, 2023.

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam,


RE: Consent letter for Vatukarasa Grace Relocation.

I, Ifereimi Navovo the Turaga ni Koro (Village headman) of Vatukarasa village was part of the consultation meeting of the grave relocation that was held on Wednesday, 22nd February held at my village. In the meeting the following issues were discussed and agreed upon:

- The number of graves has been changed from 7 to 1 only, taking into account the only one of the graves has an impact on this project.
- The change in the relocation site. The new site is the Sautabu (chiefly burial ground) which belongs to Tokatoka Louvaju but same Mataqali (clan) of Nabili. The burial ground is located within outskirts of the village All the above was communicated back to villagers and specifically to the owners during our village meetings and my house-to-house visitations.
- The proposed relocation date will be on the 13th of March, 2023.

I concur and support these new changes

Sincerely,



Ifereimi Navovo (Turaga ni Koro).

Annexure 3 – Nadroga / Navosa Provincial Council Letter of Support



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The Environment Manager,
China Railway 5 Engineering Group,
Sawau Street,
Mead Road,
Suva.

Dear Madam,

RE: SUPPORT FOR RELOCATION OF BURIAL SITE – VATUKARASA VILLAGE

This letter serves to inform you of the above mention. The relocation of a burial site within the project site for the Queens Highway project at Vatukarasa village Tikina Comua has been consented with consultation carried out by the company with the Vanua on 27/03/23.

This office fully support the project and the relocation of the burial site to a suitable location after following proper procedures with stakeholders with the Vanua agreeing to the new site as resolutions of the consultation by CR5EG.

Yours Sincerely,


P.S. Galoyaki
For Ratu Tui Nadroga Navosa